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FLOWER SHOW
Wade Park School

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PERGOLA AND SUMMER HOUSE
Doan School Garden



THE GARDEN
Rosedale School



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TREE PLANTING—WATTERSON SCHOOL

Cleveland School Gardens

School gardens and school gardening were first inaugurated in Cleveland public schools in 1904, when the work was conducted jointly by the Home Gardening Association and the Board of Education.

In 1905 the Board of Education assumed entire charge of the school gardens. Eight were established in different parts of the city and Miss Louise Klein Miller was employed to supervise them. So successful was the work that on recommendation of the Director of Schools, the position of curator of school gardens was created and on October 16, 1905, Miss Miller was appointed by the Director to the position, the first one of its kind in the schools of the United States.

The activities of school garden work of the Cleveland Public Schools as now organized include gardens for the following classes :

First—For normal children, as at Doan, Rosedale and Warren Schools.

Second—For defective children, as at Outhwaite, Fowler and Orchard Schools.

Third—For delinquents, as at the Boys' School.

Fourth—A botanical garden at Rosedale School.

Fifth—Lectures on gardening at various schools in the spring of each year.

Sixth—Flower Shows held in September and October.

Seventh—A kitchen garden in connection with the cooking schools at Oakland and Meyer. This marks a beginning of what is planned to be a regular feature of all schools where cooking is taught.



FLOWER DRILL

Closing Exercises—Rosedale School Garden



CHILDREN AT WORK
Willard School Garden

These various types of gardens illustrate the possibilities of the work in a city school system and it is hoped that when the system is fully developed each individual school will have its own garden.

The work in school gardens is at present entirely voluntary and no part of the regular curriculum. It is in charge of the Curator of School Gardens, Miss Louise Klein Miller, who is appointed by the Director of Schools. The Curator also supervises the beautifying of school grounds, the planting of shrubbery, flowers and vines. This position was created in 1905 and is believed to have been the first of its kind in the United States. Previous to this appointment, similar work had been carried on at two or three schools under the patronage of the Home Gardening Association, which has done much to encourage the growing of flowers by the children of the city in their home gardens by the annual distribution of thousands of packages of seeds through the schools.



TRANSPLANTING FROM HOT BEDS TO COLD FRAMES
Warren School Garden

The object of the work is of course to awaken the interest of the city child in nature and in gardening as a healthful occupation in life. The results so far obtained are sufficiently gratifying to encourage its promoters to hope that it will become a regular part of the manual training work of the schools.

After a summer's training at a school garden, the children take great pride in laying out gardens of their own, much to the delight of interested parents. These gardens at home are, as a rule, well planned and planted, things of beauty and utility, yielding pleasure and profit to the household, demonstrating that the object for which the school gardens have been established is being realized. Some of the boys go to the country to work on farms during the summer.



WEEDING THE INDIVIDUAL BEDS
Warren School Garden

Limitations of space make it necessary, through intensive culture and succession of crops, to impress upon the children the yielding capacity of a small plot of ground, thus encouraging them to utilize and develop to their highest possibility the waste space in their own home grounds.

The Warren School garden is well located, in the school yard, and although comparatively few children can engage actively in practical gardening, all children have the benefit of seeing preparation of soil, laying out of the garden, planting seeds, and harvesting crops. This is a Bohemian district, and the whole neighborhood has been influenced by work done by the children in the school garden.



TOOL HOUSE
Rosedale School Garden

Thorough organization is necessary for efficient work. The children in the sections are responsible to the section leaders; the section leaders to the head gardener, the head gardener to the superintendent, and the superintendent to the Curator of school gardens.

The garden contains forty beds each six by twelve feet, surrounded by a six foot flower border of perennials, producing a succession of blooming, and enclosed by a hedge of *Ligusticum cralifolium*.

The Sun Dial was added last year, the first prize for the best school garden of 1907.

The Doan School garden is one hundred feet square, in a vacant lot adjoining the school grounds and loaned for the purpose. The wire netting fence serves as a support for vines. Inside the



THE STUDY OF CORN
Detroit School Garden

fence is a herbaceous border of flowers. Six foot paths divide the garden into four sections, at the intersection of which there is a summer house and pergola extending over the paths to the flower border.

The permanent planting of climbing roses, actinidia, akebia, quinata, Dutchman's pipe, clematis, yuccas, lilies, iris, phlox, wall flowers, columbines, peonies, hollyhocks add much to the attractiveness of the garden.

The organization is the same as the Warren Garden, each section being responsible for one fourth of the garden. The Sun Dial was last year's prize. The garden has been in operation since 1905.

The Rosedale garden is believed to be the finest example of the possibilities of this department of school work in the United States. The plan of work at this garden combines the educative, aesthetic and utilitarian. The space is a "blind lot" which the

Board of Education acquired when the Rosedale School site was purchased. The Botanical Garden, as now planned and partially completed, will illustrate the various orders of plants. The flower garden is conducted partly for its beauty and partly as a propagating or exchange garden for other schools. The school garden proper is conducted entirely by the children of the school. Planting was begun two years ago on practically a bed of sand. The rock garden, flower garden and vegetable garden are designed to suggest attractive arrangement of plants to secure succession of blooming, color scheme and harmonious effects of foliage.

The botanical garden was started this spring, the planting being done according to the Britton and Brown system of classification. When the beds were made ready, the soil requirements of each group of plants was considered and so far as possible, supplied. Sixty-six orders are now represented, and others will be added as time and space permit. Lilies, iris and other plants from Holland add color and interest. This garden will be of great value to students of nature, physical geography and botany.



MAKING GARDEN PATHS
Rosedale School Garden

DIRECTORY

The School Headquarters, East Sixth and Rockwell Avenue, will be open from 8 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., where printed matter showing the work of the School Gardens may be obtained.

The Home Gardening Association will have Headquarters at Goodrich House, corner St. Clair Avenue and East 6th Street. where photographs and printed matter showing the work of the Association may be found. These Headquarters will be open from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

School Gardens may be reached as follows:

East Side

Outhwaite, East 55th Cross Town to Outhwaite, west to school, 1 block, Garden for defectives.

Brownell, Euclid or Cedar cars to East 14th Street, one block south to school.

Waring, East 31st Street, Payne Ave. cars to East 31st Street. School on corner.

Doan School, reached by East 105th Street cross town or Superior Ave. cars to school.

Rosedale School. Reached by Superior or Wade Park Avenue cars to East 115th St., one block to school on East 115th Street. Also kitchen garden at Oakland, one block East.

Fowler School. Reached by Broadway cars to Fowler Avenue. Also garden for defectives.

Giddings School. Reached by Cedar cars to East 71st Street, south to school.

Warren School. Reached by Broadway cars to Dille Avenue.

West Side

Detroit School. Reached by Detroit cars, west to West 48th St.



SCHOOL YARD IMPROVEMENT
Hough School

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Garden Party

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Rosedale School Garden

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1908

FROM THREE UNTIL SIX O'CLOCK

LOUISE KLEIN MILLER,

CURATOR OF SCHOOL GARDENS

ELIZABETH SPRAGUE

PRINCIPAL OF ROSEDALE SCHOOL

GARDENING CONTESTS

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| 1 | . | . | . | . | . | Spading and Raking |
| 2 | . | . | . | . | . | Bean Planting |
| 3 | . | . | . | . | . | Transplanting |
| 4 | . | . | . | . | . | Hoeing and Raking |
| 5 | . | . | . | . | . | Making Hedge Cuttings |

IN EACH CONTEST

First Prize . . . 15 Bulbs

Second Prize . . . 10 Bulbs

Awards will be made for efficiency and speed

J U D G E S

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MR. F. P. BACHMAN . . . Principal Normal School

MRS. SARAH E. HYRE . . . Member Board of Education

MRS. ANDREW SQUIRE

TICKETS TEN CENTS

Proceeds to be used to defray expenses of a trip to the Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, for the twenty most efficient workers in the Rosedale School Garden

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